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**3B6, AGALEGA.** Just a reminder that the **3B6RF** operation starts next weekend (**October 8-24th**), and a frequency chart will be sent to all OPDX InterNet Subscribers as an additional bulletin.

**4S, SRI LANKA.** Phil, G3SWH, and his XYL will be here (IOTA **AS-003**) from **November 9-22nd**, and Phil has been allocated the callsign **4S7WHG**. They will be travelling extensively during their stay, and he hopes to be active on CW only, all bands from 40-10 meters, for a few hours at least on most days, circumstances permitting. This will be a holiday type operation with limited activity, although they will spend the last few days relaxing on the beach at **Unawatuna** in the south part of the island, where he hopes to be a little more active. Phil will have his IC-706 and R-7000 antenna with him. QSLs will be via G3SWH, either direct or via the RSGB bureau.

**4W, EAST TIMOR.** Rod, WC7N, the East Timor Pilot Station, reports that all things are going according to plan for next weekend's **4W/K7BV** operation (Refer to OPDX.475). There are some problems with flight schedules and weight limitations, but they are being worked on and all should arrive near to schedule. For up-to-date info, check Web page:  
<http://www.qth.com/k7bv/timor/>

**8Q, MALDIVES.** Just a reminder to look for Adam, W7MP, to be active as **8Q7AB** from now **until October 9th**. His activity will be mostly on 40 meters CW and 20 meters CW/SSB. QSL via W7MP. (Refer to OPDX.475)

**9X, RWANDA.** "THE 59(9) DX REPORT" reports that Charlie, N4XT, will be working at the U.S. Embassy in **Kigali** in the year **2001** between **January 12th through March 12th**. He hopes to be active from this African nation.

**A5, BHUTAN.** It is official! The Bhutanese Dept. of Communications has given the go-ahead to Charly, K4VUD, to utilize 1000 watts transmit power in Bhutan in **December 2000** for the

three low bands. Charly states, "It will be cheaper per person if four people go at once... are there three more folks out there who want to be in Bhutan in early December 2000???" E-mail him at: [k4vud@hotmail.com](mailto:k4vud@hotmail.com)

**BT4, CHINA.** Look for the special amateur radio station during the **10th ARDF World Championships, BT4ARDF**. The station will be located in the New Century Hotel. Reportedly, QSL cards are printed.

**D44, CAPE VERDE (IOTA DXpedition Update to OPDX.475).** Jose, EA8EE, informs OPDX that he and Maneul/EA8BYG's plans for their **November 1-8th** operation from the Island of **Sao Vicente (IOTA AF-86, new IOTA as of June)** near the capital of **Mindelo** continue. The two will be active from Carlos', **D44AC**, QTH and use his callsign. Activity will be on all modes and bands. Please refer to OPDX.475. They now announce that their logs will be updated daily, as long as they are able to, on the Web page:  
<http://www.qsl.net/dxgrancanaria/>

**DXCC STATUS.** Wayne Mills, N7NG/1, from Membership Services Department reports that the current turn-around for DXCC applications is about 8 weeks. They are working overtime to reduce this figure. The ARRL will be installing a new computer platform. This will allow them to make some improvements in the way the DXCC program works. By the end of the year 2001, they should be able to generate an E-mail receipt automatically for each DXCC application received. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive a message that Jim, AD1C, received from Wayne, N7NG/1, on this status as an additional bulletin.

**EP, IRAN (New Iranian Stations).** Mac, W3HC, informs OPDX that he received an E-mail from Iran which indicates that there will be 7 stations set up for the "**Civilization Talks**". Look for the old timers EP2FM, EP2CM and EP2ES, along with 4 new novices to be active with most of the activity from **EP3PTT** (the club station). They will notify Mac as soon as they have the callsigns of the new stations.

**FS & PJ8, ST. MARTIN AND ST. MAARTEN.** Rodger/N4ZC and Don/K4ZA will be active from both the French and Dutch sides of this island. Rodger informs OPDX that he will fly down to St. Maarten on **October 16th**. His activity will be on 160-6 meters CW/SSB before the **CQWW SSB Contest**. He states that he will try to operate around .025 kHz on CW for the non-Extra class guys when he is on 80-10 meters. Rodger will operate as both **FS/N4ZC** and **PJ8/N4ZC** before the contest. Don, K4ZA, will fly down on **October 21st**. He will also operate **FS/K4ZA** and **PJ8/K4ZA** before the contest. Each side (of the island) has a C4 beam. Rodger will be PJ8/N4ZC during the contest. QSL vis his home callsign. Don will be **FS/K4ZA** during the contest. QSL via his home callsign. Rodger states that the FS location is the highest point on the island at 424m, so the blue Caribbean can be seen for 360 deg. They will both fly home the morning after the contest.

#### **IOTA NEWS.....**

- **EU-012.** Look for **GS2MP** to be active during the **CQ WW Phone Contest (October 28/29th)**. GS2MP will be a separate multiplier for the CQWW scoring. The operators of this Multi-Multi entry will be Chris/GM3WOJ, Stewart/GM4AFF (GM0F), Jim/GM4TXX, and Keith/ GM4YXI. The **Shetland Islands** have the reference number: IOTA **EU-012**, IOSA reference SH1, WAB HU27 and locator IP90. This island can be

reached by a 14 hour, 220 mile sea crossing from Aberdeen to Lerwick. The GS2MP QSL cards will be via their QSL Manager: Edwin Musto ZS5BBO, PO Box 211032, Bluff 4036, South Africa. For a few days before the contest some HF CW only operation may take place, and **GM4AFF/P** will be active on the 50 and 7 MHz bands. For more information, contact Chris, GM3WOJ, via E-mail at: [gm3woj@talk21.com](mailto:gm3woj@talk21.com) Or from his Web page at: <http://www.gm7v.com>

- **NA-055.** John, **KL7JR/1**, will be on from **Mt. Desert Island** (USI ME-021S) on **October 8th** (possibly 7th too) starting around 1400z on 28460 kHz (primary) and 14260 kHz (secondary). QSL CBA only.

**KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS.** Hide, JF1VXB, will be operating from **Saipan Island (OC-086)** from **October 5-10th** as **KH0M**. Activity will be on 80-6 meters SSB/CW/RTTY/PSK31 with a KW amp. He hopes to participate in the **Oceania DX Contest**. QSL to homecall via JARL bureau or direct to CBA: Hidenobu Nakamura: 23-139 Chojabara, Kasuya, 811-2311 JAPAN

**KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS.** Look for Tsutomu, JA1VND, to be active from **Saipan Island (OC-086)** as **KH0/JA1VND** from **October 13-16th**. Activity will be on CW/SSB on all bands. He hopes to see big pileups from either Europe and/or East Coast of N.A. QSL to JA1VND via JARL bureau or direct to: Tsutomu Horikoshi, 656 Yoshii, Yoshii, 370-2132 JAPAN

**KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS.** Look for operators JQ1UKK, JF2SKV, JG3VEI and JH5OXF to be active in the **CQWW CW Contest** as **NH0S** in a Multi/Single/High Power Category effort. Outside the contest, between **November 23-27th**, they will be operating on all bands 160-6 meters SSB/FM/CW/RTTY/PSK31 with a FL7000 and HL1KGX amplifier. Operators (with callsign/QSL info) are: KH2F (QSL via JF2SKV), NH0V (via JG3VEI), KH0/KD6CJF (via JH5OXF) and KH0/JQ1UKK (via JQ1UKK). QSL NH0S via JF2SKV to JARL bureau or direct to: Hisashi Matsushita, 14-1 Ugasemae Iwakura, Toyota, 444-2225 JAPAN Any questions can be direct to Hisashi, JF2SKV, via E-mail: [8877@hm.aitai.ne.jp](mailto:8877@hm.aitai.ne.jp)

**KH2, GUAM ISLAND.** A group from the Nagoya area will be active from **Guam Island (OC-026)** on **November 10-15th**. They will have two IC-736, IC-706, FT-100 and a 500W Linear Amplifier for 160-10 meters, SSB/CW/RTTY. The following antennas will be used:

- 160m - Inverted L 40-10m - Cushcraft R-7000 Vertical
- 80m - Inverted L 6m - 5 element Yagi @ 25m up

The operators will be active as: KH2F (QSL via JA2TBS), KR6CZ/KH2 (via JA2VFW), AB8EW/KH2 (via JH2SON), K1HP/KH2 (via JE2EHP), KH2/JH2ABL (via JH2ABL), KH2/JH2KDP (via JH2KDP), KH2/JJ2MST (via JJ2MST), KH2/JL2WNA (via JL2WNA) and KH2/JQ2PTN (via JQ2PTN). If you have any questions or requests, contact Masao, JA2TBS/KH2F via E-mail at: [ja2tbs@jarl.com](mailto:ja2tbs@jarl.com)

**KH5K, KINGMAN REEF (Update).** The latest press release by the Kingman Reef/Palmyra DX Group and Garry Shapiro, NI6T, states preparations continue at an accelerating pace for the Kingman Reef DXpedition in mid- October. Some equipment has arrived in Honolulu with antennas, amplifiers and cables on their way. The motor schooner Machias is being prepared for the journey. Site planning is almost complete. Financial support is coming in from foundations, clubs and individuals (more is still needed). Contributions should be sent to Tom Harrell, N4XP, 2011 New High Shoals Rd., Watkinsville, GA 30677. For more updates, check out the

Web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/krpdxg/> OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the complete press release as an additional bulletin.

**KP2, ST. CROIX (U.S. Virgin Islands).** Look for Larry/K6RO and Herb/KG6OK to be active from **October 25-31st**. They will be active on CW, RTTY and SSB and possibly PSK-31. They will concentration on the WARC bands before and after the **CQWW Contest**. Larry, K6RO, will participate in **CQWW SSB Contest** as a SO/AB/HP effort using WP2Z. QSL WP2Z via KU9C. QSL KP2/K6RO and KP2/KG6OK via their home callsign.

**OH0, ALAND ISLAND.** A group of OH3 operators will be active from here (IOTA EU-002, OH County 008) **until October 7th**. Look for operators Mikko, **OH0/OH3FM** (QSL via OH3FM); Jussi, **OH0/OH3YM** (via OH3YM); Pertti, **OH0LQK** (via OH3LQK); Alpo, **OH0MFP** (via OH3MFP); and Markus, **OH0KCB** (via OH3RM) to be active on 80-10 meters, mainly on CW and RTTY.

**PJ2, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES.** Joeke, PA0VDV, will once again be active from here as **PJ2/PA0VDV, October 26th through November 16th**. Activity is expected to be CW only. QSL via homecall.

#### **QSL INFO AND NEWS.....**

- **4L0JAZZ** was activated by Shale, 4L1BR, in Georgia on RTTY this past week. Shale told OPDX to QSL via his address on "QRZ.COM".
- **A52JS QSLs.** Reports have surfaced that modified A52JS QSL cards are being sent out by Jim, VK9NS, with a note attached. It's actually a A51JS card from Jim's previous operation to Bhutan. It seems that the A52JS cards are missing in transit between EU and VK9NS. Jim sent out this modified card so that many can submit them in time for the DXCC September deadline submission. Notices will be sent out through the proper DX channels when the new A52JS card have arrived. Those who would like to receive a card should resend a SAE and IRC. We are sure that many would like to thank Jim for his thoughtfulness.
- QSL QSOs for **A61AJ** in the RTTY DX Contest last weekend go to W3UR: Bernie McClenny, 3025 Hobbs Road, Glenwood, MD 21738 (no bureau E-mail requests!). Bernie is the QSL Manager for all QSOs with A61AJ (what ever date, mode or band). By the way, the operator was Walter, DJ6QT.
- All stations needing a card from **BI2J** are to send them direct to Mac, W3HC, and not to China. If you send them to China, Mac will have to mail a supply of cards to Alan so he can answer them. This takes more time and creates a greater expense. This mistake was made on the BI3H, BI4C, BI5Z and the BI5P cards. Mac will place an order for the BI2J cards as soon as he receives the photograph and the details from Alan.
- **QSLs for EZ8CW and EZ3A.** Vit, EZ8CW, states that he doesn't have a QSL Manager and QSLs for him (EZ8CW) and the club station EZ3A should be sent direct only to: Vitaly Dotsenko, P.O.Box 73, Ashgabat, 744020, Turkmenistan.
- By the time you read this, the **YP1W** DXpedition will be over. Activity was from Sacalinu Mare Island (IOTA EU-183) in the Black Sea close to the Danube Delta. OPDX was told that this "island is a virgin and a wildlife Romanian territory, part of the Biosphere Reservation "Danube Delta". The DXpedition was organized by the Romanian Radio Amateur Federation (FRR) and by Pit, YO3JW. Operators were YO3JW/Pit, YO3FWC/ Ciprian, YO9FJW/Ionut, YO3FLR/Cristi and possibly others. QSL via

YO3JW. For more info about previous trips on the island, check the Web pages:  
<http://www.qsl.net/yo3kaa> <http://www.qsl.net/yo3jw>

- Mark, KM6HB, reports that he has received an E-mail from Bill, NC1L, at the DXCC desk stating that his documentation for his **ZK1AHB** operation to South Cook Island (July 10-18th, 2000) has been accepted by the ARRL for DXCC credit. QSLs have been received from the printer and are being mailed out daily. Bureau requests will be handled as they are received.

## **SPECIAL CANADIAN PREFIXES AND ACTIVITY.....**

Look for a special prefix to be activated to commemorate the **250th anniversary of the end of the British and French capitals of Nova Scotia**. The Industry Canada approved the prefix XM1 for VE1's and XL1 for VA1's, and is also available for all Canadian Radio Amateur operators residing within the boundaries of Annapolis County. Their operation was authorized and will be valid from **October 27th through November 27, 2000**.

The special callsign **VC5C** has been assigned to Todd Bendtsen, VE5MX, to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Supreme Court of Canada. This callsign is valid between **October 27-30th, 2000** only.

The special event callsign **VB2R** has been authorized to be used by Carleton Styan, VE3BY, to commemorate the **100th Anniversary birth of Mr. E.S. Rogers Sr. inventor and creator of "Rogers Batteryless Radio"**. This operation is valid from **October 21st through November 5th, 2000**. The station will be active in the **CQ WW SSB Contest (Zone 2)**.

**SPECIAL EVENT**. Look for the special event callsign **MB2HFC** to be used during the International HF and IOTA Convention, **October 13-15th**.

**SPECIAL EVENT**. During the year 2000 the "Signal Corps of the Australian Army (Royal Australian Signals)" celebrates their 75th anniversary of its formation. To mark the occasion, former and current members of the corps will operate **VI5RAS** throughout November from various locations within Australia. QSL direct with SASE to VK5FV or via the Bureau.

## **SLIM ALERTS!!!!**

- A station being active as **3W1A** on 28495 kHz this past week stating to QSL via N6HK is a SLIM. Steve, N6HK, states, "The guy's a phoney. I'm not the manager for any station."
- Gene, TZ6YV, reported hearing a station using the callsign **TZ1GH** who was advising people to QSL via the Bureau! According to Gene, the call TZ1GH has not been issued, and additionally Mali has no QSL Bureau.

**V4, NEVIS ISLAND**. Doc, W9NY, will be active again as **V47NS**, **October 26-30th**. He will be in the **CQWW SSB Contest** as a 10 meter Single Band entry (or possible 20/15 meters single band entry). QSL via W9NY.

**V6, MICRONESIA**. Due to freight schedules, the **V63DX** operation date was shifted a little. Shoji, JA7HMZ, will operate from Pohpei Island from **October 27th through November 2nd**. He will be Single Operator/All Band/ High Power entry in the **CQWW DX SSB Contest**. He received the callsign **V6A** for the contest. QSL V6A via JA7AO: Tokro Matsumoto, 3-62

Okachimachi, Yuzawa, 012-0856 JAPAN. Outside the contest, Shoji, **V63DX/JA7HMZ**, and Koh, **V63DQ/JA7KAC**, will operate mainly on CW and the WARC bands. QSL via their homecall either the JARL bureau or direct to: JA7HMZ Shoji Igawa - 17 Shirogane, Yokobori, Ogachi, 019-0204 JAPAN JA7KAC Kosaku Sasaki - 3800-42, Shimotsuruma, Yamato, 242-0001 JAPAN

**ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA.** Bob's, G3ZEM, activity as **ZD9ZM** has ended. On Saturday, September 23rd, Bob and Karen finally left the island and are headed to Capetown. All the equipment was safely loaded onto the ship, including the slightly bent Titanex vertical. Bob E-mailed the final ZD9ZM log by satellite from the Agulhas today as promised. The final tally is 20,538 QSOs, and the full log has now been uploaded to the ZD9ZM log search page available at: <http://www.dxtechnology.com/zd9zm/> OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the complete final press release by Steve, G3VMW, as an additional bulletin.

**ZK2, NIUE.** Bill, W7TVF, will be active again from **November 19th through December 10th** as **ZK2VF**. Operations will be on 160-6 meters. Priority will be given to Europe, Africa, and South America on 160 and 80 meters during their grayline. Plenty of time will be spent on all bands for anyone who needs a QSO. A 847 will be used as a beacon on six meters all the time that he is active, so if six opens he will be QRT on HF until six meters closes. The six meter beacon will be on 50.115 MHz. Bill will be operating from the "Beautiful Namukulu Motel" with Alpha power and good antennas. QSL info is the same as last time. QSL direct with a SASE and return postage to: Bill Dawson "W7TVF", P.O. Box 4049, Pahump, Nevada 89061. Bill states, "No donations are needed. Again, I would like to thank all of you for the extremely courteous operating by almost everyone and that made it a pleasure for me also. The pile ups were big but easy for me to operate because of your help. I will try to create some even bigger pile-ups this time. Thanks and CU from Niue Island in November." Bill's Web site is at: <http://coyote.accessnv.com/ad7k/w7tvf/>

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